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SUBJ: ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP

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1. GIVEN THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF EMPEROR BOKASSA, AMBASSADOR PICQUET AND I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE PRELIMINARY LOWER LEVEL DEMARCHES WITH GOCAE. ON MAY 8 IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH ACTING PRIME MINISTER MAIDOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER GBEZERA-BRIA, I RAISED ANTI-HIJACKING ISSUE. MAKING POINTS PARA 4 REF B, I URGED GOCAE TO ADHERE TO CONVENTIONS. I NOTED THE EMPEROR'S PUBLICLY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO HIJACKING. BOTH MEN WERE NON-COMMITAL. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THE EMPEROR'S INTEREST IN SUBJECT AND AGREED TO STUDY MATTER. WE HAVE FOLLOWED UP WITH DIPLOMATIC NOTE REITERATING OUR TALKING POINTS. HAVING NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, FRENCH ARE TRANSMITTING SIMILAR NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY 9 TOGETHER WITH RELEVANT BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION.

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2. WE HAVE LAID THE GROUNDWORK. AS INDICATED REF B, A FINAL DECISION WILL HAVE TO COME FROM BOKASSA WHO MAY NOT BE BACK IN BANGUI UNTIL AFTER THE FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT IN LATE MAY. I WOULD EXPECT TO TAKE THE SUBJECT UP WITH HIM IN MY FAREWELL CALL AT THAT TIME. QUAINTON

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